




Finding James City County Ancestors





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History of area jurisdictions

- James City and York Counties were both formed in 1634 with Williamsburg as the county seat of James City County and Yorktown as the seat of York. Williamsburg was divided between the two counties at Duke of Gloucester street.
- James City County records were moved to Richmond during the Civil War; most were destroyed in a fire in 1865. Early York County records survived the Civil War.
- Williamsburg (city) came into being in 1884.
- Both James City and York counties now have combined city/county jurisdictions: Williamsburg-James City County and York-Poquoson.

	FamilySearch Wiki <i>The</i> place to learn about what collections exist and where to find them. Community, crowd-sourced information. (You can help!) FamilySearch Collections
	Swem Library guides.swem.wm.edu/genealogy Onsite access to Virginia Historical Index (Part of the 19th Century Masterfile DB) <i>Adventurers of Purse and Person</i> (Ref F229 .J4 2004) <i>Cavaliers and Pioneers</i> (Ref 225 .N842)
	Ancestry Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers (Vol I-IV) Virginia Vital Records: Births, Marriages, Deaths, Divorces – 25 million records in five separate collections. Search collections individually. James City County Births

 <p>Return to library catalog</p> <p>Organizations Obituaries</p> <p>Basic Advanced Obit Numeric History</p> <p>Search: <input type="text" value="Obituary record contains ..."/> <input type="text" value="Lightfoot"/> <input type="button" value="Refine Search"/></p> <p>> You're searching: Community Resources</p> <p>Limit by: <input type="text" value="Deceased's Maiden Name"/></p> <p>Search Results 12 titles matched: Lightfoot</p> <p>1. Deceased's name: Lightfoot, Mattie Golden "Goldie" Lee, Mattie Golden (maiden name) Newspaper: The Virginia Gazette Obituary date: 12 / 31 / 2008 Death Date: 12 / 28 / 2008 Birth Date: 05 / 04 / 1930 Obit Image: </p>	<p>Virginia Gazette Obituary Index (1930-2015)</p> <p>Williamsburg Regional Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * [What We Have] * [Research & Databases] * [Genealogy & Biography] <p>Click on the Camera icon (lower left corner) to see a digital image of the obituary.</p>
 <p>Newport News Public Library System</p> <p>Daily Press Obituary Index</p> <p>Last Name or Maiden Name: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/></p> <p>more search options...</p> <p>Browse by Letter</p> <p>A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z</p>	<p>Daily Press Obituary Index (1898-1988)</p> <p>WRL.org * * * [Genealogy & Biography]</p> <p>Hosted by Newport News Public Library</p> <p>Search or browse surname index. No images.</p>
<p>LIBRARY - DIGITAL LIBRARY - VIRGINIA GAZETTE</p> <p>Virginia Gazettes</p> <p>Williamsburg Newspapers from 1736 to 1780</p> <p>Digitized issues of the Virginia Gazette begin with William Parks' earliest known issue (September 10, 1736) and terminate with Clarkson & Davis' last issue printed in Williamsburg (December 9, 1780).</p> <p>Browse the Virginia Gazette:</p> <p>Year & Printer: <input type="text" value="(all years & printers)"/> <input type="button" value="Go"/></p> <p>Issue: <input type="text" value="(all issues)"/> <input type="button" value="Go"/></p> 	<p>Colonial Williamsburg Digital Library</p> <p>Research.history.org</p> <p>Virginia Gazette Newspapers (1736-1780)</p> <p>York County Estate Inventories</p> <p>Manuscripts</p>
<p>DIGITAL COLLECTIONS READING ROOM EXHIBITIONS ABOUT VIRGINIA MEMORY</p> <p>HOME • COLLECTIONS • CHANCERY</p> <p>Chancery Records Index</p> <p>Please use the search criteria below to display results from the Chancery Records Index. View our Search Tips for basic help and advanced search options. Please check our FAQ for questions regarding the index and technical help.</p> <p>County/City All Localities ACCOMACK CO ALBEMARLE CO ALEXANDRIA CITY</p> <p>Plaintiff(s) EQUALS <input type="text" value="Last Name: Lightfoot"/></p>	<p>Library of Virginia – Chancery Records Index</p> <p>Land or estate divisions. May contain lists of heirs, vital statistics, letters, etc.</p> <p>www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery</p> <p>Search by name, county, timeframe.</p> <p>Many records are digitized.</p>

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